

Webometrics Ranking of Top Institutional Repositories

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Top Repositories: <http://repositories.webometrics.info/toprep.asp>

Top Repositories	July 2010 (800 IR's)	January 2011 (1185 IR's)	
Univ. of Pretoria UPeTD	78	133	-55
Rhodes University	261	325	-64
CSIR	263	230	+33
Univ. of JHB	287	285	+2
Univ. of Pretoria UPSpace	323	314	+9
Univ. of Stellenbosch SUNeTD	407	-	-
UNISA	462	401	+61
Univ. of the Western Cape	571	625	-54
Univ. of the Free State	581	706	-125
Durban Univ. of Technology	602	689	-87
Univ. of Cape Town Lawspace	604	989	-385
Univ. of Cape Town Computer Science		1058	
Univ. of Stellenbosch SUNScholar	740	576	+164
Univ. of KwaZulu Natal	773	637	+36
Univ. of the Witwatersrand	790	606	+184
Cape Peninsula University of Technology		876	
University of North West		887	
Univ. of Fort Hare		965	
AHERO		1116	

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Top Repositories	July 2010 (800 IR's)	January 2011 (1120 IR's)	
Univ. of Pretoria UPeTD	65	124	-59
Rhodes University	237	283	-46
CSIR	245	196	+49
Univ. of JHB	274	249	+45
Univ. of Pretoria UPSpace	296	310	-14
Univ. of Stellenbosch SUNeTD	378	-	
UNISA	427	380	+47
Univ. of the Western Cape	524	558	-34
Univ. of the Free State	540	675	-135
Durban Univ. of Technology	562	609	-47
Univ. of Cape Town Lawspace	544	957	-413
Univ. of Cape Town Computer Science		940	
Univ. of Stellenbosch SUNScholar	687	582	+105
Univ. of KwaZulu Natal	724	550	+174
Univ. of the Witwatersrand	734	544	+190
Cape Peninsula University of Technology	759	803	-44
University of North West	796	826	-30
Univ. of Fort hare		910	
AHERO			

From Bram Luyten (@Mire), via DSpace General mailing list (25 Jan. 2011), on the "Top Institutions" list:

'Earlier this month, the CSIC (Spain) published it's [Top Institutional Repositories Ranking](#). After listing 400 institutions in the past, increasing this to 800 last June, the total number of 1121 ranked repositories is now less explicitly mentioned. It's worth mentioning that there are only very little requirements in order to get your repository added to the ranking. The most important requirement is having a unique (sub-level) URL attributed to your repository. **Even as a small or starting repository it's useful to be in the ranking, because it's basically a free web-exposure audit, twice a year.**

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A short introduction about the Webometrics Repository Ranking initiative:

The aim of the Ranking is to support Open Access initiatives and therefore the free access to scientific publications in an electronic form and to other academic material. The web indicators are used here to measure the global visibility and impact of the scientific repositories. Read a full description of the methodology

This month's ranking is strongly shaken up, compared to the July 2010 ranking. According to the web page, there are 2 main changes:

- Results from the Exalead search engine have been excluded due to their strong geographical biases.
- ALL external incoming links to the repositories have been included, including the ones from general Top Level Domains. If interpreted correctly, this could mean that an institution could boost its own visibility by adding many links to the repository from their own institutional web pages.

Changes in the ranking algorithm always make it very tedious to compare this ranking to previous editions, but as the author, Dr. Isidro F. Aguillo, states:

"Web is still evolving, I think in the future, the web will reflect even better the reality, in the meantime I am fueling the virtuous circle. If the ranking push people to web publish then web indicators become more trusted."

Thanks to some fine work of Claudia Jürgen in the past, identifying repository platforms for the listed ones, and the work I did on the previous rankings, we compared this new ranking to the old one.

In overall, DSpace's presence among the top 100 listed repositories has grown tremendously, with 51 repositories listed now, compared to 41 in July 2010, 45 in January 2010 and 43 in January 2009.'